



Class of 79 News

September 2017

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Greetings Class of 1979,

It's September, and that means the Navy Football Season is kicking off. Beat FAU! Beat Tulane! Beat Cincinnati! Beat Tulsa! (That should do it for September!)

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find Navy's complete Schedule, along with a Tailgate note from Valerie. I hope to see big turnouts of 79ers at all games.

Beyond football, on August 3, Richard V. Spencer, a native of Connecticut, was sworn in as the 76th secretary of the Navy. Our classmate, Sean Stackley, who served as Acting SECNAV from January 20th to August 3rd sent me the following note about what's next for him:

"It was my great good fortune to serve as SecNav, even if only briefly. Now that Richard Spencer is in place, I'm completing some turnover and continuing to work on the restructuring of AT&L for SecDef. I'll start thinking about 'what next' while on vacation...we're heading to the beaches of Normandy...but for now, I expect to stay in national defense."

To my classmate and shipmate, and on behalf of the entire class, thanks Sean, for your tremendous service to our Navy and nation.

Finally, on September 4th we, as a nation, should look back 50 years to the day a Navy Chaplain made the supreme sacrifice for his Marines during the Vietnam War. Navy Lieutenant Vincent Robert Capodanno, a Roman Catholic priest, was serving his second tour on September 4, 1967, with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. After hours of heavy fighting from a North Vietnamese ambush, Father Capodanno, himself seriously injured, sighted a wounded corpsman pinned down by an enemy machine gunner. He ran to the Marine and administered medical and spiritual attention. Despite being unarmed, the enemy opened fire and Father Capodanno, the victim of 27 bullet wounds, died faithfully performing his final act as a good and faithful servant of God. Posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1969, Lieutenant Capodanno was also the recipient of the Navy Bronze Star medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and the Purple Heart Medal.

We owe so many so much. Never forget.

BEAT ARMY!
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Sean

[NAVY FOOTBALL 2017](#)

Here's the Navy Football schedule for this fall:

2017-2018 SCHEDULE						
Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result	Media	Overall	Conf.
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09/02/17	at Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, Fla.	TBA	TV: TBA; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
09/09/17	vs. Tulane*	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: ESPN2 ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
09/23/17	vs. Cincinnati*	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: ESPN2 ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
09/30/17	at Tulsa*	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA	TV: TBA; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
10/07/17	vs. Air Force	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: ESPN2 ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
10/14/17	at Memphis*	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA	TV: TBA; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
10/21/17	vs. UCF	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: ESPN2 ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
11/03/17	at Temple*	Temple	TBA	TV: ESPN OR ESPN2; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
11/11/17	vs. SMU*	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: ESPN2 ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
11/18/17	at Notre Dame	Notre Dame, Ind.	TBA	TV: ABC ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
11/24/17	at Houston*	Houston, Texas	TBA	TV: ABC OR ESPN FAMILY OF NETWORKS; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
12/02/17	AAC Championship Game	TBA	TBA	TV: ABC OR ESPN; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK		
12/09/17	vs. Army West Point	Lincoln Financial Field	3:00 p.m. ET	TV: ESPN SportsCenter ; RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK; WESTWOOD ONE		

Schedule Key
 Home Event
 Away Event
 * Conference Event

Go Navy! We are here!

Go Navy! Beat FAU! And Tulane!

See you at the Tulane game!

[2017 79er TAILGATES](#)

'79 Tailgaters-

Navy opens their season this Friday with an away game vs Florida Atlantic. The Dixons sent out an invitation for a "tailgater" at their home. Please contact Chuck or Deb asap if you plan to attend.

Home Football Games- Starts Saturday, September 9th

Our tailgate area remains the same for this season. We are located in spot #3 on the Gold Side near the Courthouse. Kick-off for all home games is set for 3:30pm. We usually start setting up for the class tailgater around 11am.

We are in need for tents to be set up for the food area. Our tent was damaged at the last home game and Santa didn't send a

replacement. If you have one, please bring it. We could use 4 tents.

If you have a table, please bring it with you as well. We usually have 3-4 tables for food (sometimes we need more) and any extras can be used back on the walking path for dining. Fred will be bringing the generator for crock pots and warming trays.

Please bring at least one dish (appetizer, main entree, side or dessert) to the tailgater share. Also, bring your own drinks and chairs. We will be hosting some midshipmen after the game so extra chips and dip or desserts to put out after the game would be terrific too.

Remember that you don't have to stay with the theme. It only serves as a guideline. As an example, Chuck's Amaretto Cake goes with all themes and is mandatory at every tailgater. Any dish, dessert and/or shot is welcome!

Here are the much-anticipated themes for the 2017 Tailgater season:

- **Sept 9th vs Tulane**- Mardi Gras- Laissez les bon temps roulez! (Let the good times roll!) Bring your favorite jambalaya, étouffée or cajun dish to share. I will be bringing a Hurricane Punch to get the party started!
- **Sept 23rd vs Cincinnati**- Subs, Sliders & Salads (Shots too?) Anything and everything will do. Baby Guinness will be perfect for the day! (Kahlua and Bailey's)
- **Oct 7th vs Air Force**- All American Picnic featuring Fried Falcon. Fried chicken or something for the grill. Side dishes will be great as well.

- **Oct 23rd vs UCF**- Oktoberfest. Brats, sauerkraut or your favorite fall dish. Pumpkin and spiked cider too!
- **Nov 11th vs SMU**- 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off! & Texas BBQ Class competition on! Always a crowd favorite with the variety of chili. Not bringing chili- ribs, pulled pork/beef or any other favorite will do. Don't forget beans, slaw and sides.

Halftime Cooler

The Kruegers will again be hosting the halftime tailgater in the Admiral's Row parking area on the gold side. A halftime cooler will be at the class tailgater site for you to place your halftime spirits in. Cooler will be labeled. For the first game, only what you put in the cooler should be taken by you at halftime. The Kruegers will mark any leftover beverages for the following game that are fair game for all. Cooler will be available at class pre-game tailgater all season.

Home Parking Info from NAAA

Season tickets have been mailed out. If you purchased perimeter parking passes, it should be included with your game tickets. Call NAAA if there is an issue.

Navy vs Army (Lincoln Field/ Philadelphia) December 9th

Game kick-off is 3pm. Information regarding the "tailgater" will be sent at a later date.

Future '79 Road Trips

Navy vs Hawaii- September 1, 2018 in Honolulu. Fred and I will be going. Let me know if you plan to make the trip and we

can get some class activities/dinners planned.

Navy vs Notre Dame- October 27, 2018 in San Diego. An excuse to head to the west coast!

Looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up after the long off-season. Keep positive thoughts for a dry, cool tailgating season. I'll keep you updated with any changes and/or additions to this email. Feel free to forward this email on to any fellow 79er's. Have them email me to be added to the group list. If you have any changes or preferences in the email I use for you, please let me know to make the changes.

Go Navy!

~Valerie

[A SEASON WITH NAVY FOOTBALL](#)

Premieres on Showtime on Tuesday, September 5th at 10 PM ET.

Watch the trailer at

<http://www.navysports.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/081517aab.html>.

Showtime sports® to chronicle the 2017 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY football team with weekly docu-series a season with Navy football.

SHOWTIME Sports will chronicle the 2017 Naval Academy football team with weekly installments of the all-access documentary series *A SEASON WITH NAVY FOOTBALL*. The third edition of the groundbreaking franchise, *A SEASON WITH*, immerses viewers behind the scenes and into the lives of the football players and coaches at the storied Service Academy with weekly 30-minute episodes throughout the 2017 season.

The series premieres Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on SHOWTIME, four days after Navy begins its season on the road against Florida Atlantic University. New episodes will premiere each Tuesday as the Midshipmen balance the rigors of academics, athletics and military service while navigating a challenging 2017 NCAA FBS football schedule.

After chronicling The Notre Dame Fighting Irish and Florida State Seminoles in its first two seasons, the SHOWTIME Sports original franchise returns to reveal a vastly different picture of student-athlete life.

“It’s an honor and privilege to be welcomed by the United States Naval Academy and given extensive access to its accomplished football program and prestigious institution,” said Stephen Espinoza, Executive Vice President and General Manager, SHOWTIME Sports. “Special thanks are due to Naval Academy Superintendent Admiral Ted Carter, Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk, head coach Ken Niumatalolo and the entire Academy. We look forward to taking viewers into the rarely seen world of a service academy, where student-athletes must not only balance the rigorous demands of an elite academic institution with top-tier collegiate football, but also prepare themselves for service in the Navy or Marine Corps.”

"This is a tremendous opportunity through the extraordinary exposure of SHOWTIME to share the character and impact of Navy football to the nation," said Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk. "These stories have never before been told to the public and they will highlight the dedication and commitment reflected by our coaches and midshipmen who represent this program. SHOWTIME is big time in telling the inside story and

they will make these weekly episodes something you won't want to miss."

"It is an unbelievable opportunity for the Navy Football Brotherhood to be featured on SHOWTIME," said Niumatalolo. "We are excited to showcase the Navy Football culture. We are extremely grateful to Stephen Espinoza and SHOWTIME for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we are honored to work with Ross Greenburg and his talented production team."

A SEASON WITH NAVY FOOTBALL will feature signature access and storytelling, providing a glimpse into one of the world’s most unique collegiate institutions and its dedicated student body. The weekly series will introduce viewers to a team that embodies the term “student athlete,” young men who sacrifice on and off the field in preparation for serving their country for a minimum of five years. As viewers will learn, the Midshipmen approach the game with the same goal of gridiron glory as players in other major college football programs but with unique demands off the field.

A SEASON WITH NAVY FOOTBALL will take viewers behind the scenes as the midshipmen return for their 137th season and 10th under Niumatalolo. The weekly series will document Navy’s preparation for each matchup of the 2017 season, the pageantry and the intensity on game day, while showcasing the requisite selflessness and dedication it takes to compete at the Naval Academy. From grueling summer practices to the annual rivalry showdown with Army, *A SEASON WITH NAVY FOOTBALL* will deliver all the sights, sounds and drama as Navy aims to conquer the 2017 season while developing future leaders of America’s military.

Production for *A SEASON WITH NAVY FOOTBALL* is underway with cameras entrenched on campus in Annapolis, Md.

EXTRA NAVY TICKETS?

If you can't give your extra tickets to other 79ers, family and friends, here's an option from Navy Athletics:

Sell your unused tickets on STUB HUB!

STUB HUB sales process is as easy as:

1. Log into the STUBHUB marketplace using your customer number or e-mail address and password.
2. Click "Sell" and select the tickets you want to sell on STUB HUB.

<https://resale.ticketmrktplace.com/ex/loginFrame.action?team=Navy%20Football>.

Utilize our integration with StubHub and sell your unused tickets online!

In addition to the electronic Ticket Transfer features as part of your existing online account, don't forget to use our online Marketplace to easily sell your unused tickets electronically.

- Log into your Marketplace account and list your home football tickets that you would like to sell. If you have never logged in, you will need to register with your account number and PIN provided below:
 - Customer Number: 323819
 - PIN: 5138
- All you need to do is select the specific seats and set a sale price. StubHub will handle the new bar code and electronic delivery to the purchaser for you. Tickets can be posted up until game time!
- Once sold, you will receive an email from StubHub confirming the sale along with letting you know that payment is on the way. You will not have to wait until after the season to be paid anymore!

If you make other plans with your tickets, please remember to DELETE your STUB HUB listing.

Please note that parking passes and Captain's BBQ tickets are NOT eligible to be sold on our marketplace.

TREMEL '04 SPEAKS ABOUT SYRIAN SHOOT-DOWN



This past June, the first air-to-air kill by a U.S. pilot since 1999 Kosovo took place over Syria. The jet was shot down by LCDR Michael Tremel '04, USN, after it dropped bombs near U.S.-backed forces, according to U.S. Central Command. [Tremel explained to savetheroyalnavy.org](http://savetheroyalnavy.org) exactly what happened that day.

USNA MAKES FORBES BEST COLLEGES LIST



There are many lists ranking colleges and universities from best food to worst weather. A few lists are standouts, however, and [the Forbes list is one](#). This year, the Naval Academy ranked incredibly well overall and on Top STEM and Public Colleges lists, besting the other service academies in all three categories.

BILL THE GOAT EXHIBIT



You know him, you love him. He is [Bill the Goat](#), the two- and four-legged mascot of the Naval Academy since 1890. He was recently [honored with a new exhibit](#) at the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center dedicated to our mascot's origin and history. The opening even featured the four current four-legged Bills.

FATHER'S 9/11 SURVIVAL LEADS FOUR SONS TO USNA



Yorktown native Joseph Davin, whose father survived the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, knew on Sept. 11, 2001, that he wanted to serve his country in some form or fashion. What he didn't know when he eventually enrolled at the U.S. Naval Academy in 2005 was the domino effect his decision would have on his three younger brothers.

Sixteen years after almost losing his life while working for Verizon, Rick Davin is now the proud father of four graduates from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Like their father and grandfather before them, Joseph (Class of 2009), James (Class of 2011), Jason (Class of 2015) and John (Class of 2017), upon graduation, were all commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps. In

the most recent graduating class, only 25 percent of graduates were commissioned in the Marines. The other 75 percent were commissioned in the U.S. Navy.

Rick served for three years on active duty and spent eight more years in the Individual Ready Reserve, leaving with the rank of captain. It was his harrowing experience in the World Trade Center, though, that prompted Joseph to join the military.

The longtime Verizon employee was responsible for the New York City government account and was in his office in the World Trade Center that morning. After the attacks, he stayed in the city for two days working in the New York City Police command center.

"I got home after two days and worked the next three months with the New York City police and fire, running communications in the command center and at Ground Zero," Davin said.

Currently, Joseph is a captain in the Marine Corps, serving at the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, as an instructor at Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

James is also a captain, serving as a Marine helicopter pilot at Marine Corps Air Station in New River, N.C. Last year, he spent seven months deployed in the Persian Gulf.

Jason is a first lieutenant, serving as a Marine helicopter pilot at Naval Air Station at Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. His "winging ceremony" is projected to be in September. At that time, he'll be assigned to a fleet squadron.

Finally, the recent graduate, John is a second lieutenant, serving at The Basic School for Marine Officers in Quantico, Va. He is expected to graduate in December and will then go on to flight school.

Rick said he is unsure of how rare an accomplishment it is to have four siblings graduate from the Naval Academy. He did note that on his frequent trips to Annapolis, many families fly Blue Star banners or have stickers on their windshields, indicating that they have sons or daughters in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces. He's seen many banners with two stars, but has never seen another with four, as his family has.

"We're a Blue Star Family with four Blue Stars," Rick said.

If keeping up with ceremonies, graduations and deployments wasn't enough for Rick and his wife, Rosemary, two of their sons were also married recently.

James was set to deploy in October 2015, and decided he wanted to get married before shipping off. Because his family would all be in attendance at Jason's academy graduation in May 2015, he decided that would be a good time for the ceremony. James received special permission to leave the base and use the academy's wedding chapel.

Six weeks later, Joseph was also married in San Diego. He pushed up his wedding so James could attend before being deployed.

Before enrolling in the Naval Academy, all four brothers graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers. The brothers all also earned the rank of Eagle Scout as members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 173 out of St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown. For their Eagle Scout projects, Joseph painted fire hydrants in Yorktown; James reconditioned trails at Turkey Mountain; Jason landscaped the St. Patrick's Stone Church; and John landscaped the courthouse and police buildings in Yorktown.

"We're extremely proud," Rick and Rosemary said of their sons'

accomplishments. "We're thrilled to see them excelling."

Each military graduation features a special speaker, often the president or vice president of the United States. In 2009, Joseph met President Barack Obama; in 2011, James met Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel; in 2015, Jason met Vice President Joe Biden; and in 2017, John met Vice President Mike Pence.

SACC IN SAN DIEGO



There were three 79ers at the San Diego SACC. Chuck Dixon was there for First Command, and I was there volunteering for USNA. Joining Chuck and I at the USNA Alumni reception was Garry Rossi. It was great seeing Gary. Gary came to my hometown Plano Illinois during one of our short breaks, and at one time, Gary and Chuck roomed together. We believe it was since 1/C year we both saw Gary. It was great catching up!

I also heard that Kyle Kaker got hired by Kratos Defense based on meeting them at the Savannah SACC this past spring. CONGRATS Kyle!

PATRIOT DISTRICT BSA GOLF

(From Steve Smith)

Hello Everyone,

The 8th annual Patriot District, Boy Scouts of America, Golf event will be held on Monday 18 September at Prince William Golf Course. We will have a silent auction and raffle prizes. It will be at the Prince

William Golf Course 14631 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf.

Registration is at 8:00 AM and Shotgun
Start 9:00 AM. For sponsorships and
registering your foursome, please go to:
NCACBSA.ORG/PATRIOTGOLF.

Registration closes September 14, 2017.
Please mail or email:
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Bethesda, MD 20814 Tel: 301-214-9192 |
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I hope all of you can attend!

Steve Smith

TOM HICKS FOR CONGRESS

Tom Hicks is a democratic candidate for
Congress in Virginia's First Congressional
District. If you are in that district, here is
some information from him.

“Because I believe serious action is needed
to address the problems in Washington I
decided to run for Congress. As you can
imagine, this was not an easy decision.
Campaigns are grueling. They require hard
work and sacrifice. However, if you agree
with me that we need serious change in
Washington, then I humbly request your
support in making that change a reality.

This campaign will require the purchase of
brochures, flyers, yard signs and advertising.
While I am contributing my own money, it
is not nearly enough. I cannot afford such
large expenses myself, so I'm turning to the
people who know me and inviting them to
join in my campaign.

Your willingness to support this endeavor
with an early contribution of \$25, \$50 or
even \$100 will be greatly appreciated. Your
contribution will help me raise the initial
funds needed to get this campaign moving.

You can go my website
<https://tomhicks4congress.org> and donate.

Thanks in advance for your encouragement
and support, and I look forward to hearing
from you.

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USNA 79er DATABASE, ETC.



1 – Welcome to the Area / Newsletter –
New additions this month include: None.

Updates include: Bill Corkman (he retired)
and John Matthews (also retired).

CONGRATS to both!

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